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E.O. 11652: NA

SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL SPEAKER DOUGLAS BENNET

REF: BERLIN 6905-U, BERLIN 6911-U

1. REGRET DELAY. BUDGET COMMITTEE DEBATE HEATED; DIFFICULT FOCUS ON VISIT. IMPORTANT: POSTS SHOULD KNOW THAT BENNET WILL NOT BE IN POSITION BE RESPONSIVE QUESTIONS ON CERTAIN SENSITIVE AND UNRESOLVED MATTERS WHICH SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING. ADVISE AGAINST PRESS CONFERENCE-TYPE PROGRAMMING; REQUEST THOROUGH BRIEFING RE AUDIENCE, CONTEXT, GROUND RULES FOR BENNET UPON ARRIVAL POSTS. ADDITIONAL SPECIFICS AVAILABLE NOW RE APPOINTMENTS, PROGRAMS APPRECIATED SOONEST.

2. ITINERARY REASONABLY FIRM:

JANUARY 4: ARRIVE LONDON 0745 ON PA 106

DEPART LON. 1005, AR. BRUSSELS 1200 ON BE 246

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JAN 5 DEP BRUSSELS 1840, AR. FRANKFURT 1940 ON SN 727

DEP. FRANKFURT 2055, AR. WEST BERLIN (TEGEL) 215) ON PA 706

JAN 7 DEP. BERLIN (SCHONENEFELD) 0950, AR. MOSCOW (SVO)
1400 ON SU 112

JAN 10 DEP. MOSCOW (SVO) 0825, AR. WARSAW 0830 ON SU 101

JAN 11 DEP WARSAW 1325, AR. VIENNA 1435 ON OS 622

DEP. VIENNA 1540, AR. COLOGNE 1820 ON LH 267

JAN 13 SURFACE TRAVEL BONN/LUXEMBOURG.

JAN 15 DEP. LUXEMBOURG 0730, AR. FRANKFURT 0820 ON LG 301

DEP. FRANK. 1055, AR. JFK 1335 ON PA 67

3. ITINERARY CHANGE POSSIBLE IF POLISH AND/OR GDR VISAS NOT
RECEIVED. REQUEST YOU HELP EXPEDITE, IF POSSIBLE. FIRM COMMITMENT
SOVIET VISA BY DEC 30*

4. FOR MOSCOW: BENNET HAS NOT VISITED USSR PREVIOUSLY, NO
ACQUAINTANCES IN MOSCOW.

5. REQUEST MODERATE ACCOMMODATIONS PER ITINERARY ABOVE. WIFE
ACCOMPANYING BRUSSELS (REMAINING BRUSSELS UNTIL JANUARY 7 A.M.,
JOIN HUSBAND IN MOSCOW), MOSCOW, WARSAW, BONN JAN 11 ONLY
(TRAVEL SURFACE JAN 12 A.M. LUXEMBOURG), LUXEMBOURG. REQUEST
BONN PURCHASE SURFACE TICKETS BENNET & WIFE. SUSANNE BENNET
TRAVELING OWN EXPENSE.

6. USBERLIN ADVISE RE ACCOMMODATIONS JAN 5, TRAVEL TO
AMEMBASSY BERLIN. PROBLEMS?

7 TOTAL DIVERSIONARY TRAVEL TO BE SHARED AMONG POSTS. WILL
ADVISE INDIVIDUAL POSTS WHEN FIRM. DO NOT SEND FISCAL DATA;
TRANSFER FUNDS TO ICS.

8. ABOVE ALSO SENT BONN, BRUSSELS, USEC BRUSSELS, MOSCOW,
US BERLIN, LONDON AND WARSAW. KISSINGER

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